

H. Res. 391

In the House of Representatives, U.S.,

November 18, 2003.

Whereas the University of Illinois Fighting Illini men's tennis team concluded its season with a rare Triple Crown, including national championships in the team tournament, singles tournament, and doubles tournament, which were held at the University of Georgia in Athens;

Whereas the Fighting Illini became the first team that used three different players in the singles and doubles tournaments to capture the Triple Crown of college tennis since the current NCAA tennis team championship format began in 1977;

Whereas the Fighting Illini won the first NCAA team championship in the history of the University of Illinois tennis program as well as the first national team title for the university in any sport since 1989;

Whereas the Fighting Illini became the first team, other than the teams of the University of Southern California, Stanford University, the University of California, Los Angeles, and the University of Georgia, to win the national title since the NCAA adopted the current team championship format in 1977;

Whereas the Fighting Illini earned the team's first Intercollegiate Tennis Association National Indoor Championship

in February 2003, which propelled the team to the number one ranking where it remained for the entire season;

Whereas the Fighting Illini won their seventh consecutive Big Ten Conference regular-season championship, as well as their sixth Big Ten Tournament crown in the last 7 years;

Whereas the Fighting Illini have become the team with the all-time most wins, and the fourth undefeated and untied team in the 84-year history of the University of Illinois men's tennis program; and

Whereas the Fighting Illini team member, Amer Delic, won the first national singles title of the University of Illinois and team members Rajeev Ram and Brian Wilson won the university's second NCAA doubles crown: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) congratulates and recognizes the University of Illinois Fighting Illini men's tennis team, coach Craig Tiley, and associate head coach Bruce Berque for the team's historic, successful, and monumental season; and

(2) directs the Clerk of the House of Representatives to send, upon passage, an official copy of this Resolution to coach Craig Tiley, assistant coach Bruce

Berque, and all other members of the 2003 National Championship men's tennis team.

Attest:

Clerk.